

## 3,000 SHELLS WERE HURLED

British Made a Tremendous Attack on Turkish Front at Seddul Bahr

## RESULT UNIMPORTANT DECLARE TURKS

They Also Report That They Found and Exploded a Mine in Mesopotamia

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—The Turkish war office announced to-day that in Mesopotamia there have been intermittent infantry and artillery combats near Kut El Amara. Turkish forces approaching a fortified position detected an underground mine and exploded it.

At the Dardanelles front the enemy fired 3,000 shells against the Turkish center at Seddul Bahr without important results. Enemy transports discharging cargo were driven off by Turkish artillery.

## PRISONERS OF SERBIA SENT TO FRANCE

40,000 Soldiers and 750 Officers are Said to Have Reached Marseilles

Paris, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred and fifty Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers and 40,000 men, captured by the Serbians, have reached Marseilles on the way to the concentration camp.

## 300,000 ITALIANS TO AID SERBIANS

A Milan Correspondent Estimates That Number Have Already Arrived at Avlona in Albania.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Milan correspondent of the Journal estimates that 30,000 Italian troops are at Avlona, Albania. While the Avlona position is hardly favorable to an offensive movement the expedition may be regarded as the starting-point of operations on a larger scale.

## STRUCK GOING TO RESCUE

Italian Destroyer Hit Floating Mine Speeding to Disabled Transport.

Rome, Dec. 17.—The details of the sinking of the Italian transport Re Umberto and the destroyer Intrepido in the Adriatic recently show that the destroyer was blown up by a floating mine when she rushed to the rescue of the transport after the latter had struck a mine. The captain and crew remained on the transport until the last minute.

## HOPES FOR CO-OPERATION.

Senator Marconi Makes Maiden Speech at Rome.

Rome, Dec. 17.—William Marconi made his first speech as a senator to-day. He expresses the hope that the admission of Italy to the London convention would bring closer co-operation among the allies.

## DEMOLISHED A KRUPP

Which Was Brought from Germany and Fired 15 Times at Italians.

Rome, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to a local paper states that one of the famous Krupp 42-centimeter guns, brought from Germany and recently placed in position before Roberto, was fired 15 times. The Italians then located and demolished it.

## GREEK HEADQUARTERS MOVED.

Is Now Located at Kozani, 55 Miles South of Monastir.

Paris, Dec. 17.—A Havas dispatch from Athens says that following the withdrawal of troops the headquarters of the Greek army was transferred to Kozani, 55 miles south of Monastir.

## ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK.

Porte Said of 5,000 Tons Destroyed by Submarine.

London, Dec. 17.—The Italian steamer Porte said, 5,000 tons, has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean.

## FURTHER RETREAT

Is Admitted by Montenegrins Before the Austrians.

Paris, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from the Montenegrin capital admits further retreat before the Austrian advance.

## JURY RECOMMENDED MERCY.

For William V. Cherry Whom It Had Convicted of Forgery.

## ALLEGED SLAYERS OF POLICE CAUGHT

Two Greek Bandits Cornered in the Woods About a Mile from Portland Where Officers were Slain.

Portland, Me., Dec. 17.—The two Greek bandits, who are alleged to have shot and killed Patrolman Charles E. McIntosh and Ernest Winslow yesterday afternoon, were later captured in the woods a mile from the tragedy, where they had fled after seizing a handcar.

Winslow was the station agent at the West Falmouth station of the Maine Central railway and was absent from the station when the two men attempted to blow open the safe. When he returned and came upon them suddenly, they started to flee, pursued by Winslow. On the way they met Patrolman McIntosh and he joined in the chase. The pursuers overtook them at Fride's Corner, where there was a sharp gun duel, at the close of which McIntosh was dead with a bullet in his heart, and Winslow was killed by repeated blows with a revolver butt.

The men then took a handcar and escaped to the woods, pursued by the entire Portland police force, the sheriff's staff of deputies and all the available residents of that section. Patrolman Stevens and Deputies Skillings, Lewis and Henry Huff were the men who finally captured the bandits.

## HAD FIT IN MID-AIR.

Elderly Woman Killed When Taking an Aeroplane Trip.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 17.—Expressing the desire, "I'll once before retiring to a quiet life," Mrs. Lulu Comstock of this city, aged 74, arranged for a flight with Aviator Anton Meyerhoffer, jr., that ended yesterday with the falling of the flying boat into the waters of San Diego bay and the death of the woman.

Mrs. Comstock, previous to the beginning of the flight, stated that she wished to be taken to a height of at least 1,500 feet. Within a few minutes after the flight had been started, according to the story told by Meyerhoffer, Mrs. Comstock was seized with a fit, reached out and grabbed the aviator in a firm grasp. Meyerhoffer says that he struggled desperately to free himself, so that he could control the machine, but that before he could release himself from her grasp, the flying boat, which was about 50 feet in the air, turned over and fell into the bay. The force of the impact with the water completely wrecked the flying boat.

Meyerhoffer and Mrs. Comstock were hurled clear of the wreckage and rescue parties, within five minutes, had brought both to shore. Mrs. Comstock, however, was found to be dead. Physicians who examined the body stated that her neck, one leg, one arm and her shoulder were broken. Meyerhoffer escaped with a few scratches on the face. Mrs. Comstock had been a resident of San Diego for a number of years. She is survived by a grown son and daughter.

## MONTPELIER

Funeral of Mrs. Ralph B. Denny was Held To-day.

The funeral of Mrs. Ralph B. Denny, who died Wednesday morning, was held from her late home this forenoon at 10 o'clock. Rev. H. A. Flint, rector of Christ church officiating. The bearers were Frank Adams, Alanson B. Shepard and Henry Farwell, all of Montpelier, and Charles Adams of Baltimore.

Interment was at Green Mount cemetery. Those from away who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. William Bynon of Northfield, Andrew Denny of Northfield, Miss Mildred Denny of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Mrs. O. S. Willey of Barre.

In probate court to-day, Frank N. Smith settled his account as administrator of the estate of Rufus A. Watts, late of Waterbury. William B. Turney of Montpelier was appointed administrator of the estate of George N. McAllister, late of Montpelier.

Notice of the final dividend in the matter of the C. F. Eddy bankrupt estate were called to-day, the dividend being payable Dec. 30, the day after the discharge meeting.

Mrs. Katherine Fountain of Barre street left this noon for Boston, where she will pass several weeks with relatives. Basketball will be introduced to Montpelier for the first time this season to-night, when the Logan Square, a fast amateur five composed of former high school and preparatory school players, and the high school team will meet in armory hall. Manager Colton received yesterday the suits to be used by the Logans, the jersey being orange with the name of the team inscribed in black. The Logans' line-up will be as follows: Cullen and H. Smith, forwards; Dole, center; Scott and Bartlett, guards. The high school line will be: Green and Clark, forwards; Jangraw or Berry, center; C. Smith and Mack, guards. The contest will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

Word was received at the State House this morning by Deputy Secretary of State Rawson Myrick of the death of Mrs. John Bailey, mother of Guy W. Bailey, secretary of state, at Essex Junction.

Robert Gordon of State street purchased yesterday 185 acres of timber land near Camp Mountain, below Montpelier Junction, of W. D. Walker, and next week expects to commence logging operations.

Repairs are to be commenced on the Ellis block, which was damaged by fire yesterday morning, as soon as the insurance is adjusted satisfactorily and the exact nature of the repairs is determined by the owner of the building.

Reorganization of the Capital City Bowling league, which proved an entire success last year, will be started Sunday afternoon when a meeting of last year's team representatives will be held in the Bailey offices on State street with Alderman J. F. Gallagher, president of the league present. The league will probably commence its schedule soon after the holidays.

State Purchasing Agent Henry T. Hensley left this morning for Shrewsbury Park and Morrisville in the interests of his department.

James B. Estee, who yesterday was re-elected president of the state fair commission at the annual meeting held at White River Junction, returned this morning to Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Almon went to-day to Burlington, for a brief stay.

## REPLY AT HAND IN WASHINGTON

Austria's Rejoinder on Ancona Note Is Being Deciphered

## STATE DEPARTMENT GOT IT LAST NIGHT

Pres. Wilson and Secretary Lansing Spent Forenoon Over It

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note from the United States was received at the department of state last night. It was deciphered and laid before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing during the forenoon.

## ESTEE RE-ELECTED.

President of the Vermont State Fair Commission.

White River Junction, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Vermont state fair committee was held here yesterday afternoon. Commissioners from nearly every county in the state were present. J. B. Estee of Montpelier, who has served two years as president, was unanimously re-elected and highly complimented for energy and ability he had brought to bear on the management of the fair. William E. Carter was elected vice president and Fred L. Davis, secretary and treasurer.

The committee voted to hold the 1916 fair, September 12, 13, 14 and 15. A motion to confine live stock exhibits to the New England states and New York, except horses, which are to be allowed to exhibit from any part of the country, was voted.

The treasurer's report was read. It shows the receipts of the 1915 fair to be \$33,454.30, and the expenditures, \$31,108.81. The balance of \$2,335.49 is to be turned into the state treasury as a state fair permanent fund.

## GUILTY OF PERJURY.

But Young Woman is Placed on Probation at Middlebury.

Middlebury, Dec. 17.—Not less than three and not more than four years at hard labor in the state prison was the sentence given yesterday in Addison county court to Elsie Kimball, who pleaded guilty to perjury. Sentence, however, was suspended and the young woman was placed on probation for four years. The perjury was alleged to have been committed in Judge James B. Donaway's court on November 22, when, in the case of State vs. Carley Evert, Miss Kimball swore that the respondent had never kicked, beaten, nor choked her as charged.

The jury in the case of Norman S. Foote vs. George M. Moore was unable to agree, but after coming in a second time, were told to try it over.

A fine of \$300 was imposed upon L. B. Page, charged with illegally transporting liquor from Vergennes to Bristol. The sum of \$25 and costs are to be paid within ten days after adjournment of court and \$25 on or before the first day of court of the June term, the \$250 remainder of the fine being suspended. The respondent was placed in charge of the probation officer for one year under rigid regulations. Henry Sipes of Bristol was arraigned on a similar charge and the sentence was the same.

Lulu Horan of Monkton, aged about 40 years, pleaded guilty to open and gross lewdness and was sentenced to serve not more than 18 nor less than 12 months at the house of correction.

## SLAIN BY ENRAGED HUSBAND.

Two Men Also Shot by George Gove—He Then Killed Himself.

South Etna, Me., Dec. 17.—After killing his wife, and shooting Arthur and Leslie Simonds, the latter of whom is said to have been fatally injured, George Gove yesterday afternoon turned the gun upon himself, the shot killing him instantly. Jealousy is said to have been the cause of the killing.

Mrs. Gove, who was but 19 years of age, was attractive and good looking, and it is said that attention paid her by the Simonds boys aroused Gove's jealousy, who in a rage chased his wife into the road and shot her, then shot the Simonds boys and brought his anger to a culmination by killing himself. The ages of the Simonds boys are 18 and 22, respectively.

## GOING TO MAINE CHURCH.

Rev. Irving Towley of Washington is Called to Kingsfield.

St. Albans, Dec. 17.—State Superintendent George F. Fortier of this city announces that Rev. Irving Towley of Washington has accepted a call to the Universalist church at Kingsfield, Me., and will begin his work there at once.

It is also announced by Supt. Fortier that the Universalist convention of Vermont and the Province of Quebec has received an addition of \$1,000 to its trust funds, the amount to be known as the Helen H. Lefferson fund and the income to be used for the benefit of the Universalist society of North Hatley, Quebec.

Kidnaping Charge.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 17.—A warrant charging David D. Gibson, a Civil war veteran and song peddler, with kidnaping Effie and Victor James, the 11- and 9-year-old daughters of Mrs. Alice James, was issued yesterday by a local justice at the instigation of the police. The authorities of Northampton were asked to assist in locating Gibson and the girls.

## JURY DISAGREED IN SECOND TRIAL

Of Flossie Pitkin vs. John Munsell, Both Minors—The Case Growing Out of Collision of Girl with Bicycle Ridden by Youth.

Woodstock, Dec. 17.—The grand jury in Windsor county court completed its work yesterday and was discharged with thanks from Judge W. W. Miles for services promptly performed.

The grand jury found two true bills and investigated two matters upon which it made its report. It was made up of the following: Walter D. Stearns of Springfield, foreman; Donald W. Bliss of Royalton, A. H. Thompson of Woodstock, A. P. Reynolds of Sharon, Sardinie H. Moore of Pomfret, E. G. White of Cavendish, A. J. Darrah of Hartford, Fred R. Crawford of Hartland, S. R. Bryant of Windsor, Fred A. Hammond of West Windsor, Volney J. Wood of Chester, Dana O. Goodno of Rochester, J. W. Miller of Bethel, E. H. Shattuck of Bridgewater, Enos Hutton of Barnard and A. B. Warren of Wethersfield.

The case of Flossie Pitkin vs. John Munsell, in which compensation of \$1,000 was asked for physical injuries said to have been caused by a collision between the girl and a bicycle in June, 1913, resulted yesterday in a disagreement, about 24 hours after the jury took it and upwards of a week after the trial began. The same case had a similar end at a previous term of court and it is expected that it will not burden a future docket. The parties, who are said to have been about 12 years old when the accident occurred, live in West Hartford. It was agreed on both sides that the handlebar of a bicycle ridden by the boy collided with the girl on a sidewalk in front of the Congregational church in that village, but the defendant denied either intent or negligence. The plaintiff's attorneys were Davis and Davis of Windsor. Those of the defendant were William Batchelder of Woodstock and Raymond Trainor of White River Junction. The arguments of counsel were unusually heated. The trial had several sensational features.

## GRANGE FAVORS EQUAL SUFFRAGE

And Urges Vermont's Congressmen to Work in Its Behalf.

Burlington, Dec. 17.—The place of holding the next convention of the Vermont state grange was left to the executive committee of that organization at the close of the 44th annual session in this city yesterday. A resolution in support of equal suffrage was adopted by the convention.

In the resolution on equal suffrage, the grange expresses a desire to cooperate with the National American Woman Suffrage association, through its congressional committee, for the purpose of securing the passage by Congress of the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the United States constitution, granting suffrage to women the same as to men. In it they request United States Senators Carroll S. Page and William P. Dillingham and Congressman Frank L. Greene and Porter H. Dale to vote for and to use all influence in favor of the amendment. The resolution also asks that the Republican and Democratic parties include in their state and national platforms a declaration in favor of woman suffrage and support legislation to that end.

A resolution creating a fund for a scholarship in one of the agricultural schools of the state was passed. By it the state grange will give \$50 towards the fund as soon as the subordinate and Pomona granges are ready to give a like amount.

Other resolutions passed gave the support of the grange to the projected apple survey to work in cooperation with the greater Vermont association to secure raising information from all farmers raising apples; took the control of the \$10,000 in the permanent fund from the treasurer and placed it in the hands of the executive committee; and gave the lecturer, E. H. Hall of St. Johnsbury, \$700 to use in his work.

The report of the committee on education praised the work of the legislature of 1914-1915, by which a new system of school supervision was inaugurated and the state assumed the expense of transporting children to school who lived too far away to walk, which decidedly improved conditions in the rural schools. It also spoke of the drastic orders of the state board of health which make the schools more sanitary and comfortable and registered in favor of the agricultural service of the state agricultural college, of the county agency and farm bureau work, all of which are an education in their way and result in wiser and better methods of farming.

## DEATH OF CABOT CHILD.

Was Being Brought to Barre Hospital For Treatment.

Paul Girton Hopkins, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hopkins of Cabot, passed away last evening, death being due to a mastoid abscess which had afflicted the child for some time. In the belief an examination would disclose the real nature of the baby's illness, his parents started with him for the city hospital. On the way his condition grew rapidly worse and death came before the hospital was reached. Hoping that life might not be wholly extinct, the journey was continued and physicians were hurriedly summoned to the hospital. Doctors examined the child, however, and were of the opinion that nothing could have saved his life.

The infant was eight months old. The remains were taken immediately to Cabot, where the funeral will be held, possibly to-morrow. Mrs. Hopkins is remembered by many friends in Barre as Miss Goldie D. Hawes, a 1912 graduate of Goddard seminary.

## DIED IN SEATTLE.

Erl W. Horner, Roadmaster of the Rutland Railroad.

Rutland, Dec. 17.—Erl W. Horner of this city, aged 85 years, died to-day in Seattle, Wash., where he was visiting. He was roadmaster of the Rutland railroad for 40 years and had the oversight of a large part of the construction of the original line. He was also one of the founders of the Rutland branch and donors of the church for half a century.

Employed in Montpelier Bank.

H. G. Woodruff, formerly treasurer of the Granite Savings Bank and Trust company, is now employed in the Montpelier Savings Bank and Trust company, taking the place of James McDonald.

## STATE SUES RUTLAND CITY

It Seeks to Recover License Money Said to Have Been Paid the City.

## TWO OFFICIALS SERVED WITH PAPERS

The Amount Being Sought in Unusual Action Is \$13,000

Rutland, Dec. 17.—Papers were served yesterday on the city of Rutland and Will L. Davis as treasurer, in which the state of Vermont, by an action in both general and special assumpsit, seeks to recover \$13,000, the amount of money claimed to have been paid over to the city by the liquor dealers in the action the state is represented by Attorney General Herbert G. Barber of Brattleboro and State's Attorney C. V. Poulin of this city. City Attorney Walter S. Fenton will represent the city. The suit is the result of an attempt by the liquor license commissioners, C. H. Harrison, F. H. Burnham and James O'Brien, and the liquor licensees to turn over some of the liquor money into the city treasury and keep within the law, which was changed four years ago so that all the revenue from the license money is turned into the coffers of the state. The city has forwarded a check of \$10,000 to the state treasurer claiming this was the amount received by him for the liquor licenses given out, but it is said this check has never been cashed.

For the last few years the license fees have been as follows: First class, \$900; second class, \$1,200; third class, \$350; and seventh class, \$400. The license board this year fixed the fees as follows: First class \$800; second class, \$900; third class, \$200; seventh class, \$150. As near as can be learned these men paid the license fee as set by the local commissioners and in excess presented to the city of Rutland a bonus, representing the difference in money between the total license fees of 1915 and 1914, thus making a present to the city of \$2,750.

This money came in to the city treasury as follows: From eight first class licenses, \$800; from four second class licenses, \$1,600; from one third class license, \$200; and from one seventh class license, \$150.

## TRIBUTES WERE MANY

At Funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Durkee Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Durkee, wife of the late Giles B. Durkee, whose death occurred at her home, 360 North Main street, Tuesday morning, after a two weeks' illness, was held at the house Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Readman, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. Older friends of Mrs. Durkee as well as many others gathered to pay their respects to her memory. During the services Mrs. M. D. Lamb sang "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee." The bearers were: James Ahern and John T. Callaghan, sons-in-law of the deceased, Francis Ahern and Wendell Ahern, grandsons and Homer Pitts and Munroe Pitts, brothers of Mrs. Durkee. Interment was made in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

In a profusion of flowers were the following tributes: Cross, Mr. and Mrs. James Ahern, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Callaghan, pillow, "Grandma," grandchildren; cream roses, Munroe Pitts and family; white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pitts and Esther Pitts; yellow chrysanthemums, Harold Pitts; carnations, Mrs. Julia Heath, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dodge, Fred Moulton, W. L. Durkee, G. L. Durkee, Mabel Durkee, Selma Bridgeford, Harold Morse, Mrs. Harriet Morse; East-er lilies, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tilden, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tilden, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Tilden; narcissus, Mrs. Ella Joselyn; Mrs. Stella Averill, Miss Blanche Tilden; roses, James P. Riley; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. John Warley and Ethel, Lowell, Mass.; wreath, Miss Carrie and Mary White.

Carnations, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Shurtliff, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Humphrey, West Lebanon, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. John Magagnoli, Mrs. A. Albisetti and family, Miss Catto, G. Tomasi and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Premus, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Batchelder, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Harry Russell, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cradock, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Shild, Mason O. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Wheeler and family; narcissus and pink carnations, flower committee, Universalist church; roses, C. C. Varney, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hoffman, J. B. Magagnoli, McAllister & Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foley, Miss Lena Moorecroft, Miss Shirley Bradford.

## WAS ILL BUT SHORT TIME.

Mother of Secretary of State Bailey Died To-day.

Essex Junction, Dec. 17.—Laura Cahill, wife of John W. Bailey, died this morning after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Bailey was born in Shad-burne April 11, 1848. She is survived by her husband, John W. Bailey; a son, Guy W. Bailey, secretary of state; a sister, Mrs. O. S. Merrill of Montpelier; and two brothers, Francis B. Cahill of Plainfield and John W. Cahill of Boston.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held from the late home of Mrs. Bailey Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Paul Merrill of Buckley street is detained at home and under the care of a physician as the result of a fall which he sustained on the ice a few days ago. Mr. Merrill was returning home from work and was about to mount the steps leading to the house when he lost his balance. No bone fracture could be discovered, but a very bad sprain developed.

## GOOD FELLOWSHIP PREDOMINATED

At Banquet of Sons of St. George Last Evening, About 100 British-born Being in Attendance.

Plenty of music, good fellowship and an abundance of sustaining refreshments contributed largely to the success of the 10th annual get-together of Hearts of Oak lodge, No. 477, Sons of St. George in the Worthen block hall last evening, when nearly 100 people, including the Sons and their invited guests assembled. It was a notable gathering of English-born people of Barre and their descendants and it lost nothing by comparison with some of the more pretentious yearlings reunions that have been held by the lodge in the past. Second only to the annual open-air assembly of the Sons of St. George, which is usually held in July, it offered those who have a common birthright an opportunity once more to renew the old ties.

There was real merit in the musical program that preceded the luncheon. Miss Katherine Rowley rendered a piano solo for the first number and came in the following order: W. H. Good, William Ollivier, vocal duet, W. H. Good and Nicholas Veale; reading, Miss Mary Bishop; piano solo, Miss Lilian Fradd; vocal solo, Sidney Ollivier; selection by the Sons of St. George male chorus, consisting of W. H. Good-fellow, William Ollivier, Charles Ollivier, Sidney Ollivier and Nicholas Veale. Heartly applause followed each contribution. One of the interesting features of the evening was the announcement by the chairman of the committee, John H. Bishop, that the contribution of the Massachusetts jurisdiction of Sons of St. George, to which Hearts of Oak lodge belongs, to the Prince of Wales fund has reached \$12,085, while the total for all lodges in the United States is \$48,000. The fund is to be used for the relief of women and children made widows and orphans by the war.

Real British appetites, the appetite that linked roast beef with Merrie England, were in evidence when the ladies served refreshments and if the luncheon did mean that the 1915 reunion was about to end, most everyone agreed that the best part of the party came toward the close.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of John H. Bishop, Nicholas Veale, Charles Ollivier, Alderman Edwin Keast, Sidney Kidd, Sidney Ollivier and Thomas Newcomb.

## "NORTHERN" BUILDING HAD A \$500 FIRE

Big Apartment Structure Was Endangered as Flames Crept Through Partitions—Presbrey-Coykendall Stone-Shed Scene of Small Blaze.

A fire loss of \$500 followed the outbreak of a partition blaze in the Northern hotel, so called, at 323 North Main street late yesterday afternoon and before the danger of a big fire was over, all of the city's fire fighting apparatus had responded to telephone and general alarms, the latter rung in from box 12 at the corner of Seminary street at 4:30 o'clock. People along the street saw a hurrying scurrying of fire apparatus, had one of their dearest wishes gratified. A crowd gathered in front of the hotel and even after the call men and police had roped off an area, their efforts were retarded somewhat by bystanders.

This column of smoke curled out of the building on three sides. Recently the owner of the property, J. B. Sanguinetti, had erected a sirenlike addition to the four-story structure and it was in the new partitions and between floors and ceilings in the second and third stories, that the fire raged the fiercest. The chemical outfit was augmented by two lines of hose, although the firemen used the water sparingly, directing the streams by jets, as they call it, when the situation called loudly for water.

There is a theory that an overheated chimney may have communicated fire to a partition. Leaving this, the fire remained in the partitions and between floors and ceilings in the second and third stories. Mr. Sanguinetti's foresight in bricking the partitions, thereby shutting off the drafts, proved of much value to the firemen, who were able to chop holes to the heated areas and smother the fire forthwith.

Within a half-hour the all-signal sounded and the danger of a bad fire had passed. Mr. Sanguinetti's loss is covered by insurance in the Dillon agency. The Northern, through recent transformation, is an up-to-date apartment house above the ground floor, which is occupied by the Italian Citizens' club. All of the tenements were occupied, but the tenants suffered little financial loss from the fire. It was one of their number who discovered the outbreak and communicated with the fire station by telephone.

## Slight Fire in Granite Plant.

Within six hours after the afternoon alarm the firemen were hurrying to the north end to answer an alarm turned in from box 141 on Willey street for a fire in the boiler room in the Presbrey-Coykendall stone shed. The slight watchman, discovered the blaze at 10 o'clock, telephoned the station, and then rang in the general alarm. A pile of boards lying over the boiler had become ignited and was burning briskly when the regulars in the auto truck arrived. Copious applications of the chemical solution drenched the flames and the all-out was rung at once. The damage was trivial.

Both horse-drawn trucks were turned back at the Willey street bridge. A quick trip to the shed and prompt action by the firemen averted a serious fire, but the wisdom of employing a night watchman was never demonstrated more thoroughly. Mr. Leith detected the odor of smoke several minutes before the boards blazed toward the ceiling, the glare being reflected through many windows on the west side of the boiler room. People noticing the flames from a distance feared that the entire plant was afire.

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The fair was the feature of the entertainment on the closing night of the Christmas sale conducted by the ladies of the church, but many of the large crowd present came to buy as well as to see the play. As a result, the close of the evening came with less of the many articles, which had been offered for sale remaining on the tables. The exact sum realized from the sale is not known, but there is no doubt of the financial success of the fair.

## AT THE REGULAR MEETING LAST EVENING OF

Winnetha council, No. 16, Degree of Pocomtuc, two petitions were adopted into the order and election of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: Pocomtuc, Mary A. Angus (re-elected); Winnetha, Isabelle Thompson; Pocomtuc, Peter Brown; degree of Pocomtuc, Annie Brown (re-elected); collector of dues, Annie Brown (re-elected); keeper of wardrobe, Mary Walker; guard of the forest, Annie Brown; placed, Belle Smith, trustee for three years, Belle Brown; examining physician, Dr. Ward.

## BLOW ON HEAD WORTH \$4,512

Arthur A. Blunt Awarded Amount from Montpelier & Wells River R. R.

## BECAUSE SUIT CASE